AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A device for paying out a bonus to a player playing a gaming machine comprising:

a gaming machine;

said gaming machine comprising a processor, wherein said processor implements a game of chance on said gaming machine, said game of chance paying off according to matching of symbols; or said gaming machine comprising a video poker machine, a video keno machine or a video bingo machine;

a dispensing unit comprising a numeric counter for counting the number of coins placed in said gaming machine and visually displaying to said player said number of coins;

said numeric counter continuing to count coins until a ticket is generated;

said numeric counter resetting said counted coins to zero once a ticket is generated;

said dispensing unit further comprising a visual display showing a player number of coins needed to generate a ticket; and

said dispensing unit further comprising a ticket dispensing apparatus;

said ticket being supplemental to a gaming award;

<u>said numeric counter continuing to count from player to player until said dispensing unit dispenses a ticket</u>.

2.   (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said dispensing unit is a side-mounted box attached to said gaming machine.

3.   (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said dispensing unit is placed inside said gaming machine.

4.   (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said dispensing unit is an add-on to any existing gaming machine and gaming device.

5.   (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said gaming machine includes video poker machines, video bingo games and video keno games.

6.   (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said dispensing unit is a self contained unit that does not affect play or outcome of said gaming machine.

7.   (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said numeric counter counts coin pulses off of said gaming machine's hard meter, and bonuses a player based on number of coins or pulses played.

8. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said numeric counter can count various coin denominations, e.g., nickel, dime, quarter or dollar slots.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said ticket is a raffle, sweepstakes or lottery ticket.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 7 further comprising;

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a remote unit for changing the number of coins necessary to generate said ticket.

12.   (Currently Amended) A process for paying out a bonus to a player playing a gaming machine comprising;

placing coins in a gaming machine;

playing said gaming machine comprising a processor, wherein said processor implements a game of chance on said gaming machine, said game of chance paying off according to matching of symbols; or said gaming machine comprising a video poker machine, video keno machine or video bingo machine;

counting said coins players place in said gaming machine;

continuing to count coins with a numeric counter from player to player until a ticket dispenser dispenses a ticket;

showing said number of counted coins to said player;

showing said number of coins needed for a ticket to be generated;

dispensing a said ticket when said number of counted coins equals said number of coins needed for a ticket to be generated;

resetting said counted coins to zero once a ticket is dispensed;

having a drawing to determine a winner of a raffle, sweepstakes or lottery, said drawing based on said tickets dispensed from said gaming machine.

13.   (Original) The process of claim 12 wherein said counting of said coins is accomplished by counting coin pulses off of said gaming machine's hard meter, and dispensing a ticket based on number of coins or pulses played.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Cancelled)

16.   (Original) The process of claim 12 further comprising:

generating a bonus prize from a percentage of total coins placed into all

participating gaming machines.

17.   (Cancelled)

18.   (Original) The process of claim 12 further comprising:

changing said number of coins needed to generate said ticket from a remote

unit.

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Cancelled)